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EDITORIAL NOTES.

In a recent issue of one of the larger medical weeklies—a publication which expressed, through the correspondence of its owner and publisher, an exceeding thoughtfulness for the nostrum manufacturer in his delectable business of exploiting the physician and the patient—appeared an editorial dealing with the subject of those qualities which should be possessed by the ideal medical editor, and inferentially suggesting that very few such eminent editors are known to exist, which statement is probably correct. From the ludicrous egotism of the editorial in question, one might almost be pardoned for a slight suspicion of delusions of grandeur; but we will let that pass. The catalogue of virtues and qualifications of which the happy ideal medical editor should be possessed includes everything desirable except one—honesty. Honesty in dealing between the professional supporters or subscribers and the nostrum advertisers who prey upon them, seems to be ignored. Simple, homely honesty, we are beginning to be taught, is quite commonly ignored in high places. "There exist throughout this country scores of medical journals edited by men whose lack of literary apprenticeship and editorial training is demonstrated on every page." He might well have added that their commercial instinct, their disregard for any ethical, professional or humanitarian consideration, and their absolutely cold-blooded greed, are demonstrated with

equal clearness on almost every page. The ideal, or, if you will, the quite competent medical editor "must recognize that his principal duty is the ignoring of self-interest in his reviews and criticisms," etc. [*italics ours*]. Exactly. But let him not ignore his self-interest so far as the advertising pages are concerned. Let him accept money from any unscrupulous person who may wish to exploit the medical profession and delude its members into using some worthless nostrum. Let him sit dignified in the editorial chair and ignore the fact that such things as advertising pages exist, and that they not infrequently do great harm to that profession which it is his to serve and guide. It is undignified to take cognizance of such mere business details as advertising pages when learned editorials are to be written and published. It is undignified to observe that the medical profession have been made fools of, for a generation or more, by unscrupulous "manufacturers." It is "sophomoric," "erratic," "puling," "mendacious," "fanatic," "bragging," "defiant," "rabid," "neurotic" and several score more assorted adjectives, to speak out, to call a spade a spade (and not a useful horticultural implement), to say that it is dishonest for medical journals to advertise dishonest or fraudulent articles or such things as do an injury to the public and to the medical profession. This ideal editor would do none of these things. No, indeed! Not because he would ignore self-interest, but because he would have it cultivated to the very highest degree.

We publish a very interesting letter from the medical director of an insurance company doing business in this state, and paying \$3.00 fees for \$5.00 work, on page 367. This letter should be rather a warning to

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the unfortunate policy holders of this company, for it indicates that a spirit of false economy is actuating the directors in the conduct of the company's business. The investigations of the special commission, in New York, are daily adding to the public store of knowledge of the mismanagement and misappropriation of funds by insurance companies. The policy holders' money is not for the examining physician, nor is it for the policy holder—it is for the directors to use in manipulating deals and in increasing their personal fortunes. Perish the thought that the humble physician, who merely makes the examination on which the issuance of the policy depends, should receive \$5.00 for his services instead of \$3.00! Preposterous! Do the presidents not need an increase in salary? How can they longer continue to live on a paltry \$150,000.00 or so a year? This very company in question is said to have written \$9,000,000.00 worth of insurance last year, and it has also been said that if it increased the fees from \$3.00 to \$5.00, it would have cost the company \$10,000.00. Just think of it! And yet this very company is reported to be making money so fast that it hardly knows what to do with it. But to pay a fee of